

HOLIDAYS NOW ON

All the schools of Bryan have dismissed for the holidays and the children as well as the larger students have entered fully into the spirit of Christmas, and are making plans to enjoy themselves to the fullest extent.

The students who are attending school here from a distance have gone to their homes and it was indeed with light hearts and happy, cheerful faces that they boarded the trains and departed for "home, sweet home." They anticipate a great time between now and their return for the resumption of their studies early in January, and The Eagle hopes that none of them may be disappointed.

For every school child in Bryan, The Eagle wishes a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. May your disappointments be few. At the same time permit us to suggest, children, that the happiest child in Bryan this Christmas will be the one who gives the greatest happiness to others.

Fishing with a Steam Pump.

One of the most singular fishing devices imaginable was discovered by accident in France. Though extremely simple, the system is revolutionary. A pond on the farm of La Marie-quette, bordered by rocky shores, was drained one year by the aid of a steam pump. Each stroke of the piston drew up twenty-five gallons of water and the pond was emptied in a few hours; and not only was the water drawn off, but all the fishes also were transferred to a new element.

This was a revolution. The owners of ponds in the neighborhood followed suit, and the proprietor of the pump made a specialty of this sort of work. He "let" one of his pumps, modified for the purpose. The peasants of the region called it "the fish pump." Each stroke of the piston brought up torrents of water, in which were fish and crawfish, together with mud and debris.

One pond of several acres was cleared of fish at an expense of 36 francs, or \$7.20. The process was ingenious, but as one cannot have his fish and eat it, too, and as such rapid consumption would have led to equally rapid extermination, the local authorities were obliged to take measures to stop the practice.—Scientific American.

The Useful Life.

Not every man can be of use to everybody, but every man can live a

life if he cares to do so; and, while the returns may not be as prompt as could be wished, they will come in the end. The careless, indifferent life which has nothing to show when all is said and done is perhaps better never lived at all. It benefits no one and yields no influence for good, and yet there are thousands upon thousands of men whose natures are so warped and so narrow that they can not, or will not, realize their lost opportunities for being of use.

The life that strives to reach out and help others, that leaves no stone unturned to make its usefulness effective, and that never tires of laboring in the service of humanity, is the life that brings in the biggest returns, and the life that is, after all, perhaps the one most worth the living.—Charleston News and Courier.

The Collar of Homer.

Among the curiosities preserved in the Fabre museum at Montpellier, France, is the famous "collar of Homer." Invented and worn by the great Italian poet Alfieri. This distinguished man began the study of Greek when more than forty-seven years old and made such rapid progress in that language as to astonish all who knew him. He proclaimed himself "chevalier of the order of Homer" and appeared with a collar on which were engraved the names of twenty-three poets, ancient and modern, and to which was suspended a cameo portrait of Homer. On the reverse side of this preserved relic is an Italian distich composed by Alfieri, which translated says: "Alfieri himself in creating this order of the chevalier of Homer has invented an order more divine than that of any king."

The Pipe of Peace.

The North American Indian usually made his pipes out of a kind of stone known as red pipe stone, of which there were large deposits in the old Sioux country, and the Great Spirit is said to have given his indorsement to this particular material, which might have been a Sioux monopoly. In these words: "This stone is red. It is your flesh. It belongs to you all. Out of it make no more tomahawks, war hatchets nor scalping knives. Use it only to make the pipe of peace and smoke therefrom when you would propitiate me and do my will."

Diving Animals.

One thing that none of the land diving animals does is to dive. No matter how hard pressed a swimming deer, rabbit, squirrel or other purely terrestrial animal may be, it will remain above water. But the muskrat, beaver, ice bear and otter dive immediately.

Classic Central New York.
Here in central New York we have our own peculiar problem. Some one with a devout admiration for the classics got in his work when the business of christening was going on in these parts. Authorities are in dispute as to who this person was. We shall not enter into that controversy, but merely call attention to the fact that in a county containing Apulia, Borodino, Camillus, Cicero, Deiphobus, Fabius, Marcellus, Mycenae, Marcellus, Navarino, Pompey, Tully and Syracuse, to say nothing of Joshua and Jordan, there devolves upon the resident citizenship an obligation to use such pronunciation as shall honor the classic heroes and localities so carefully remembered by the pioneers. We have heard Apulia pronounced Apoolye by the unthinking, and, on the other hand, that honored Scriptural name Joshua is now infrequently stretched into Joshaway, which overdoes it in the other direction.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

A Lawyer's Apology.

Many years ago there was an old judge on the bench in Berks county whose decisions, in consequence of numerous reversals, did not always command universal respect. One day in a case in which he was sitting one of the lawyers lost patience at his inability to see things in a certain light and in the heat of the moment remarked that the intellect of the court was so dark a flash of lightning could not penetrate it. For this contempt the judge showed a disposition to be very severe with the offender, and it was only after much persuasion by friends of the latter that he yielded and decided to accept a public apology. The following day the lawyer accordingly appeared before his honor and made amends by saying:

"I regret very much that I said the intellect of the court was so dark lightning could not penetrate it. I guess it could. It is a very penetrating thing."—Philadelphia Ledger.

A Carved Cherry Stone.

Dr. Peter Oliver, who lived in England during the early part of the eighteenth century, tells of seeing a carved cherry stone which would be a wonder even in this age of fine tools and fine workmanship. The stone was one from a common cherry, and upon it were carved the heads of 124 popes, kings, queens, emperors, saints, etc. Small as they must necessarily have been, it is announced on the authority of Professor Oliver that with a good glass the heads of the popes and kings could readily be distinguished from those of the queens and saints by their miters and crowns. The gentleman who brought this little wonder to England purchased it in Prussia, allowing the original owner £5,000 for his treasure. Think of it—\$25,000 for a cherry seed!

Additional Local

Don't forget that hand-painted china makes nice Christmas gifts. Parker-Astin.

Miss Katherine Whitson of Bryan Baptist Academy went to her home at Mart today to spend Christmas.

Santa Claus finds his purest and freshest candies, fruits and nuts at Howell & Newton's.

We have a very pretty line of fancy knives for Christmas gifts; pearl and silver handles with emblems of all lodges. Call and see them. Parker-Astin Hardware Co.

Mrs. A. W. Wilkerson and children went to Austin today to spend Christmas with relatives. Mr. Wilkerson will join them later.

Ladies' and Misses' jackets will be closed out regardless of cost, as the season is getting late. The Globe Dry Goods Co.

Misses Della Smith, Willie Deason and Lena Tucker, students at Bryan Baptist Academy, went to their homes at Fountain this afternoon for the holidays.

Special prices on boys' and girls' bicycles for one or two days only at E. F. Parks'. Could you name anything that would be more highly appreciated by the children?

No cheap imitations, but brilliant hand cut and hand polished cut glass at sensational reductions at Emmel's drug store.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Geyer of New Orleans, who have been visiting friends in Bryan, left today for Waco.

Make that gift for the boy one that will afford him the greatest pleasure and benefit. That is a bicycle at E. F. Parks'.

We have a pretty line of brass and wrought iron fire sets. Count one of them in your list of Christmas presents. Parker-Astin Co.

George Saxon of Reliance came in today to take his daughter, who is a student at Bryan Baptist Academy, home for the holidays.

Let that gift for your boy and girl be a bicycle with coaster brake and the pleasure of this Christmas will remain with them until the next one. See prices that will prevail for one or two days at E. F. Parks'.

Mrs. M. W. Baker left this afternoon for Dallas, where she will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Q. Astin left today for McKinney, where they will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. J. E. Baade went to Waco today.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Moran and son Tommie left today for Waco, where they will spend Christmas with friends.

J. M. Carson and daughter left today for Fort Worth, where they will spend Christmas with relatives and friends. Miss Law Wilson Sherman and Miss Annie Lee Little returned to Liberty today after a pleasant visit in Bryan.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Storms of West Plains, Mo., are in the city to spend the holidays with relatives.

Dr. and Mrs. J. R. Lay of Richmond and Messrs. Wynne Lay and Jim Hanway, students of the State University at Austin, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Haswell for the holidays.

Excursion rates on all holiday goods at Walker's 5c and 10c store. We will positively save you money on dolls, doll furniture, automobiles, express wagons, mechanical toys, and all other toys and holiday goods of every kind. Come to Walker's for bargains.

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The North Pole.

The class was just beginning the study of geography.

"James," said the teacher to the small boy in the front row, "tell me all you know about the north pole."

"The north pole is up at the end of the world, and the earth turns around it, and Eskimos live there, and—"

"Well, James, is that all you know about the north pole? What about the climate?"

James was embarrassed at being "called" in front of the class and grasped at the suggestion. "Why, why, the Eskimos try to climb it."—Indianapolis News.

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Saccharin should never be taken in a pure state. Some idea of its power will be conveyed when it is understood that one part of it will give a very sweet taste to 10,000 parts of water. Tasted in too large a quantity, it acts upon the nerves in such a way as to paralyze the sense of taste. Just as powerful music stuns or deadens the auditory nerves or a bright light acts upon the optic nerves.

Fully Prepared.

Jack—When I asked Ethel if she would be mine she fell on my breast and sobbed just like a little child, but finally she put her arms around my neck and—Maud—Oh, yes; I know all about that. I rehearsed it with her. Boston Transcript.

E. F. Parks' takes dreadfully high prices for bicycles but he teaches like no other.

REMOVAL SALE

On January 1st, I will move my Furniture Business from my present location to the large two story A. J. Wagner building on Anderson Street, near the Postoffice.

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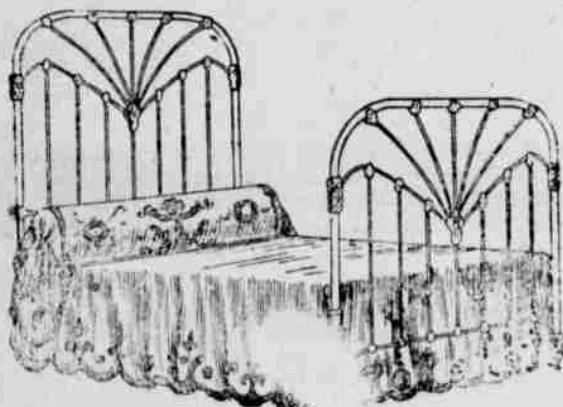
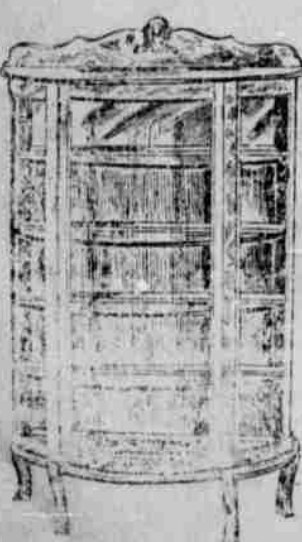
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NOTICE!

As the Comptroller of Public Accounts this year requires the use of a Tax Receipt which takes about twice as long to issue as the one used in former years, be sure and Pay Your Taxes Early so You Will Avoid the Jam of the Last Days in January. All Tax receipts not Issued before Midnight January 31st, 1912, will have to pay 10 per cent. penalty, nor will you be allowed to vote if your Poll Tax is not paid in January.

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